

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**November 4 2003**

**IN RE:**

**JOINT PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER  
COMPANY AND MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR  
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

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) **DOCKET NO.**  
) **03-00388**  
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**ORDER APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER**

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This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Sara Kyle, and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA" or "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 21, 2003 for consideration of the Joint Petition filed by Tennessee American Water Company ("TAWC") and Marion County, Tennessee on June 12, 2003, for approval of the Purchase Agreement.

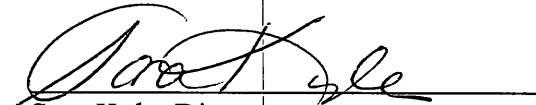
During the Authority Conference, the Panel determined that consideration of the Purchase Agreement is premature at this time and voted unanimously to appoint the TRA's General Counsel or his designee as the Hearing Officer in this Docket to investigate the Operations and Maintenance Agreement executed between TAWC and Marion County not previously submitted for the TRA's approval and to evaluate whether TAWC has the appropriate authority to expand its service area into Marion County, Tennessee.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

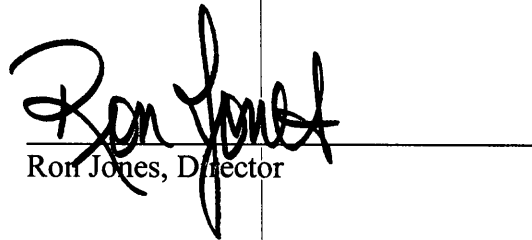
The General Counsel or his designee is appointed as Hearing Officer in this Docket to consider the Parties' Operations and Maintenance Agreement and TAWC's authority to provide service in Marion County, Tennessee.



Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Ron Jones, Director